

JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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Meeting Date: March 30, 2016

Called to Order: 6:00 PM

Location: 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls MA

Finance Committee Members Present: John Hanold, Michael Naughton, Fred Bowman and Patricia Pruitt. Greg Garrison and Chris Menegoni were absent

Selectmen Present: Rich Kuklewicz, Chris Boutwell and Michael Nelson.

Others Present: Town Administrator Frank Abbondanzio (arrived at 6:17 PM), Town Accountant Carolyn Olsen, GMRSD Business Manager Joanne Blier, DPW Superintendent Tom Bergeron, WPCF Superintendent Bob Trombley, WPCF Administrative Assistant Kate Jones, Director of Libraries Linda Hickman, Montague Pipeline Liaison Ariel Elan, Airport Commissioner Peter Golrick and Jeanne Golrick

Minutes

Finance Committee Moved:

To approve the minutes of March 23, 2016.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To approve the minutes of March 23, 2016.

Vote: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained

Reserve Fund Transfer Request

The Cemetery Commission is requesting a transfer of \$800 for the Fiscal Year 2016 Cemetery budget. The caretaker raised his rates after the budget was approved, and there will now be a shortfall.

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend approval of a Reserve Fund transfer of \$800 to the Cemeteries budget.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Finance Committee Moved:

To transfer \$800 from the Reserve Fund to the Cemeteries budget.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Vote All Appropriations with Funding Sources

Special Town Meeting

\$8,000 for Fiscal Year 2016 Reserve Fund

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$8,000 to increase the Fiscal Year 2016 Reserve Fund budget, to be raised from Free Cash.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

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Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$8,000 to increase the Fiscal Year 2016 Reserve Fund budget, to be raised from Free Cash.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$12,500 for town share of compactor This will be a compactor for cardboard and newspaper at the transfer station.

- The compactor will allow more materials to be placed in the container and reduce the frequency and cost for hauling away a full container.
- This amount will pay for the concrete pad and installation of electricity. The compactor itself will be purchased with a grant.
- Mr. Bergeron expects to recover our investment in just over 2 years.
- Mr. Naughton asked the useful life. Mr. Bergeron estimates a useful life of 10-15 years.

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$12,500 for the town's share of a compactor, to be raised from Town Capital Stabilization Fund.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$12,500 for the town's share of a compactor, to be raised from Town Capital Stabilization Fund.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$1,418 for Fiscal Year 2016 Libraries Budget- A new vacancy will provide enough funding to cover this shortfall. The request is withdrawn by Linda Hickman

\$26,000 for Fiscal Year 2016 Police Budget – At the recommendation of the Selectmen, a new officer was hired in advance of the actual vacancy to save overtime costs that would normally be incurred while a new officer attends the Police Academy. This request will pay the wages for the new officer through the end of the fiscal year, additional costs for attending the Police Academy, and an Assessment Center for the positions of Police Lieutenant and Sergeant.

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$26,000 to increase the Fiscal Year 2016 Police budget, to be raised from Free Cash.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$26,000 to increase the Fiscal Year 2016 Police budget, to be raised from Free Cash.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Annual Town Meeting for Fiscal Year 2017

Establish Police Lieutenant Position at Grade G+8.5 (\$34.78-\$37.68 per hour)

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend adding the position of Police Lieutenant at Grade G+8.5, with an hourly range of \$34.78-\$37.68 for Fiscal Year 2017.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Town Operating Budget

- The current request, including supplemental requests for a planning intern, increased library hours, and an additional building maintenance employee, is \$8,774,980. This amount **excludes** the requests for two additional groundskeepers.
- The cost of two groundskeepers, plus the cost of benefits for one position, totaling \$85,520 were added to the budget request at the request of Mr. Bergeron.
- Rather than voting on each budget request and recommendation, the recommendations below were discussed and agreement was reached between the Finance Committee and Selectmen on each item.
- Several budget requests were reduced to reflect the recommended amounts with the agreement of department heads during the meeting.

Recommendations

- Mr. Abbondanzio and Mr. Hanold both recommend the following reductions, all of which were agreed to by both the Finance Committee and Selectmen:
 1. \$34,704 in the Selectmen's budget. This reduces the overlap of a new Town Administrator, reduces the budget hours of the Executive Assistant to 30 hours per week plus 50 additional hours per year, and adds \$7,000 for a professional search for a new Town Administrator.
 2. \$150 in the Finance Committee budget. This assumes that any postage or office supplies cost will be charged to the Town Accountant budget.
 3. \$180 in Town Accountant budget.
 4. \$2,838 in Treasurer/Tax Collector budget. This eliminates the cost of living increase for the Treasurer/Tax Collector, and reduces office supplies by \$1,500.
 5. \$10,000 requested increase in the Town Counsel budget.
 6. \$1,500 in the Shared budget. \$1,200 in copier lease and \$300 for printing the annual report.
 7. A total of \$1,450 in the Town Clerk's budget.
 8. \$4,650 in the Public Building Utilities budget.
 9. \$4,250 in the Police budget. These reductions include \$3,000 in gasoline to reflect current usage, \$1,000 in equipment repair and maintenance, and \$250 in prisoner meals.
 10. \$800 in the Building Inspector budget.
 11. \$100 for office supplies in the Emergency Management budget.
 12. \$23,750 in the DPW budget for a total recommended DPW budget of \$1,200,799. These reductions include \$5,000 in overtime, \$7,000 in gas and diesel, \$3,000 in public works supplies, \$2,500 in other professional/technical, and \$2,000 in building repair and maintenance.

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13. \$36,629 for an additional Building Maintenance worker in the DPW budget.
14. \$7,500 in the Snow and Ice budget for a total budget of \$219,000. This is a \$3,000 increase over the Fiscal Year 2016 budget and only \$250 less than the actual expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015.
15. \$1,000 in the Board of Health budget to reflect under-spending of the nurse line item.

- Additional recommended reductions were:
 1. \$1,000 in Board of Assessors' legal expense
 2. \$400 for Shared paper.
 3. \$An additional \$400 in Treasurer/Tax Collector office supplies
 4. A total of \$1,060 in the ZBA budget

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend an additional Groundskeeper in the DPW Budget.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend an additional Groundskeeper in the DPW Budget.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend a Town Operating Budget of \$8,725,506, with \$125,000 funded from Free Cash and \$8,600,506 funded from Taxation.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend a Town Operating Budget of \$8,725,506, with \$125,000 funded from Free Cash and \$8,600,506 funded from Taxation.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$2,336,692 WPCF Operating Budget

The WPCF is requesting a total of \$2,336,733, with \$201,261 from Taxation for treating inflow and infiltration, and \$2,135,431 from Sewer User Fees. The budget is broken down as:

WPCF Operating Budget	1,602,016
DPW Subsidiary	54,959
Debt	430,457
Employee Benefits	249,260

- Mr. Hanold asked where the Selectmen were in the process of evaluating and making a decision on the requested staff reorganization. The Selectmen are still discussing the issue.
- The requested budget will be sufficient for either the current staffing or the requested staffing.

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- Mr. Hanold recommends funding the WPCF Operating Budget request, but reducing the DPW Subsidiary budget by \$4,949 to reflect past use. Mr. Bergeron and Mr. Trombley agreed to reduce the request by this amount.

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$2,331,733 for the Fiscal Year 2017 Total WPCF Operating Budget, with \$201,261 to be raised from Taxation and \$2,130,472 to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$2,331,733 for the Fiscal Year 2017 Total WPCF Operating Budget, with \$201,261 to be raised from Taxation and \$2,130,472 to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$102,150 Colle Operating Budget

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$102,150 for the Fiscal Year 2017 Colle operating budget, to be raised from Colle Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$102,150 for the Fiscal Year 2017 Colle operating budget, to be raised from Colle Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$48,812 Airport Operating Budget

- The Airport Commission is requesting \$48,812, with \$31,987 from Airport User Fees and \$16,825 from Taxation. The Fiscal Year 2016 budget uses \$15,431 of Taxation.
- Mr. Abbondanzio and Mr. Hanold had originally recommended some small reductions, and Mr. Hanold had recommended use of Airport Retained Earnings to partially fund the budget. After speaking with Mr. Golrick, they both rescinded their recommendations for reductions.
- A new special article request that would use Airport Retained Earnings precludes the use of Retained Earnings for the operating budget.

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$48,812 for the Fiscal Year 2017 Airport operating budget, to be raised from \$16,825 in Taxation, and \$31,987 from Airport User Fees.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$48,812 for the Fiscal Year 2017 Airport operating budget, to be raised from \$16,825 in Taxation, and \$31,987 from Airport User Fees.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$659,356 FCTS Assessment

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$659,356 for the Fiscal Year 2017 Franklin County Technical School District assessment, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$659,356 for the Fiscal Year 2017 Franklin County Technical School District assessment, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained

\$8,852,114 GMRSD Assessment – the affordable assessment is \$8,802,571

Ms. Blier noted that the district's total assessment increase matches the amount extrapolated from Montague's Affordable Assessment, but because of how the assessment is allocated, Montague got almost all of the increase for Fiscal Year 2017.

There was some discussion of whether the town could support the additional amount requested, or at least part of it, but it was decided to recommend the affordable assessment, and possibly revisit the issue when a final picture of the budget emerges.

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$8,802,571 for the Fiscal Year 2017 Gill-Montague Regional School District Assessment, with \$125,000 to be raised from Free Cash, and \$8,677,571 to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$8,802,571 for the Fiscal Year 2017 Gill-Montague Regional School District Assessment, with \$125,000 to be raised from Free Cash, and \$8,677,571 to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$70,000 Remodel Hillcrest Stage to Classrooms

This was not recommended by the CIC.

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$70,000 to remodel the stage into classrooms at the Hillcrest School, to be raised from the Town General Stabilization Fund.

Vote: 0 In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$70,000 to remodel the stage into classrooms at the Hillcrest School, to be raised from the Town General Stabilization Fund.

Vote: 0 In Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstained

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\$50,000 Enlarge Parking Lot/Drop Off at Hillcrest

This was not recommended by the CIC.

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$50,000 to enlarge the parking lot/drop off area at the Hillcrest School, to be raised from the Town General Stabilization Fund.

Vote: 0 In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$50,000 to enlarge the parking lot/drop off area at the Hillcrest School, to be raised from the Town General Stabilization Fund.

Vote: 0 In Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$10,000 Replace Pillar at Sheffield

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$10,000 to replace a pillar at the Sheffield School, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 2 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$10,000 to replace a pillar at the Sheffield School, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 0 In Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$10,000 Repair or Replace Leaking Pipe in Hillcrest Access Tunnel

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$10,000 to repair or replace a leaking pipe in the Hillcrest access tunnel, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$10,000 to repair or replace a leaking pipe in the Hillcrest access tunnel, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$24,000 Information Technology

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$24,000 for information technology, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

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Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$24,000 for information technology, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$100,000 DPW Equipment

CIC recommends \$79,000 to bring total balance up to \$100,000.

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$75,000 for DPW equipment, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 3 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$75,000 for DPW equipment, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 2 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$43,325 Final lease payment on DPW dump truck

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$43,325 for the final lease payment on a 6 wheel dump truck, to be raised from Capital Stabilization

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$43,325 for the final lease payment on a 6 wheel dump truck, to be raised from Capital Stabilization.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$100,000 Primary Sludge Pump

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$100,000 to upgrade and/or replace the primary sludge pumps and equipment, to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$100,000 to upgrade and/or replace the primary sludge pumps and equipment, to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$200,000 WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$200,000 to increase the WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund, to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

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Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$200,000 to increase the WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund, to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$20,000 WPCF Equipment – similar to the DPW and Police Equipment accounts, this would allow the WPCF to buy items that meet the \$5,000 threshold of capital outlay.

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$20,000 for WPCF equipment, to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$20,000 for WPCF equipment, to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$1,000,000 Storm Drain/Siphon repair

Questions were asked about who owns the site and whether there's a benefit to asking the owner to fix the problem or contribute to the cost of repairs. Mr. Trombley will ask his contact at the power company, but noted that the company was recently sold.

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$1,000,000 to repair the combined sanitary sewer overflow and storm drain running from Avenue A under the canal to the Connecticut River, to be raised from \$100,000 from Sewer Long Term Debt and \$900,000 from Town Long Term Debt, contingent on a debt exclusion approval.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$1,000,000 to repair the combined sanitary sewer overflow and storm drain running from Avenue A under the canal to the Connecticut River, to be raised from \$100,000 from Sewer Long Term Debt and \$900,000 from Town Long Term Debt, contingent on a debt exclusion approval.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$14,000 Fix Carnegie roof

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$14,000 to repair the Carnegie Library roof, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$14,000 to repair the Carnegie Library roof, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$20,000 Fix Montague Center Library roof

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$20,000 to repair the Montague Center Library roof, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$20,000 to repair the Montague Center Library roof, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$14,000 Library Masonry

Ms. Hickman said that that state and local health authorities have expressed concern about air quality in the library, which this repair would help improve.

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$14,000 to repair and re-pointing masonry at the Carnegie and Montague Center Libraries, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$14,000 to repair and re-pointing masonry at the Carnegie and Montague Center Libraries, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$35,000 Police Radio System

Chief Dodge has sent an e-mail stating that, as much as he feels the department needs all of the requested special articles, he is willing to give up both the cruiser and K-9 vehicle in order to have the \$35,000 for the radio system upgrade. While all items are needed, the radio system directly impacts the safety of the officers, and must take priority.

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$35,000 to upgrade the police radio system, to be raised from the Town Capital Stabilization Fund.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$35,000 to upgrade the police radio system, to be raised from the Town Capital Stabilization Fund.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$25,000 Police Detective Vehicle

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$25,000 to purchase and equip an undercover detective's vehicle, to be raised from the Town Capital Stabilization Fund.

Vote: 0 In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$25,000 to purchase and equip an undercover detective's vehicle, to be raised from the Town Capital Stabilization Fund.

Vote: In Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$15,000 K-9 Vehicle

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$15,000 for the purchase and equipping of a K-9 vehicle, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Abstained

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$15,000 for the purchase and equipping of a K-9 vehicle, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: In Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$50,000 DPU Legal

Ms. Elan spoke requesting approval of this request.

- Potential benefits could include saving millions of dollars later from not having a catastrophic event as a result of the pipeline.
- This project will have consequences that will cost tax payers more than \$50,000 in the future.
- Negative consequences of the pipeline could include rupture or failure, strain on the communities involved, negative effects on water and air quality, health and resource hazards.
- Other considerations are economic and political factors around fracked gas, world markets, and climate impact.
- If we press hard to challenge the pipeline, it could sink the pipeline's effort.
- Today one of big three Canadian companies planning an export terminal cancelled their plans because there is not enough investment interest in the Wall Street community.
- Montague is covering more ground than other communities and organizations, and provides synergy to the efforts of others. Every time one base is covered by one entity, it strengthens the others.
- Gill has already paid \$5,000 to the town's attorney and other communities wanting to contribute include Northfield (\$5,000), Conway (\$5,000), Deerfield (\$10,000) Leverett (\$5,000), and Warwick (\$3,000). Wendell and Ashfield are also likely to offer something.

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Mr. Bowman noted that, with this request we will have spent over \$100,000 on the pipeline issue. Mr. Bowman asked who the money goes to. It goes to an attorney hired by the town to represent the town.

Mr. Kuklewicz said it's about our representation at the hearings at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities questioning the need for Berkshire Gas to contract for gas through this pipeline. Our position is that the need for the pipeline does not exist.

It was noted that the DPU allows electricity companies to buy natural gas to generate electricity, which means all electric customers will end up paying for the pipeline through their electric bills.

It is currently unknown how far this process will continue. All of the \$50,000 may or may not be needed, and if the pipeline support collapses the town can stop supporting this effort.

Mr. Kuklewicz feels that we've spent far more money on far less important things.

Mr. Bowman is concerned about spending money on this project when we have such a tight budget.

Mr. Naughton asked if a smaller appropriation would carry us through until a fall town meeting. Ms. Elan is concerned about how town meeting members would react to an additional request in the fall.

It has been heard that the utility plans to abandon the pipeline in 15 years.

Mr. Hanold read a statement from Jeanne Golrick, who had to leave the meeting before this article was discussed.

- Ms. Golrick presented a copy of a ruling from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the Jordan Grove Energy Project, L. P, and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP, and noted that although the FERC denied the pipeline efforts, the decision was denied without prejudice, meaning that the applicants can reapply, causing more litigation and legal expense.
- Ms. Golrick asked that the Finance Committee consider very solemnly spending \$50,000 more for what is likely a no win process. \$50,000 is the difference between the GMRSD request and the town's recommendation or a new highway employee. Please vote this \$50,000 down – it will prove to be good money after bad.

Mr. Kuklewicz and Ms. Elan said that the document Ms. Golrick provided is not related to this article.

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$50,000 for legal fees to continue Montague's participation in DPU docket 15-178, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 3 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained

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Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$50,000 for legal fees to continue Montague's participation in DPU docket 15-178, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$6,500 Town Clerk and Selectmen software – this would provide dog license software for the Town Clerk and license software for the Selectmen.

- This article should be on the Special Town Meeting as the Town Clerk would like to have it installed by July 1st.
- Ms. Olsen noted that IT Coordinator would prefer to wait and integrate this, if possible, with other software requests.

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$6,500 for software for the Town Clerk and Selectmen, to be raised from Free Cash.

Vote: 1 In Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$6,500 for software for the Town Clerk and Selectmen, to be raised from Free Cash.

Vote: 1 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$132,000 Purchase Industrial Park Lot

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$132,000 to purchase a lot at the Industrial Park, to be raised from Sale of Real Estate.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$132,000 to purchase a lot at the Industrial Park, to be raised from Sale of Real Estate.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$385,000 Strathmore abatement

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$385,000 to abate the interior of buildings at the Strathmore Mill, to be raised from Town Long-Term Debt, subject to debt exclusion approval.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$385,000 to abate the interior of buildings at the Strathmore Mill, to be raised from Town Long-Term Debt, subject to debt exclusion approval.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$6,500 Strathmore demolition study

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$6,500 for a Strathmore demolition study, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$6,500 for a Strathmore demolition study, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$50,074 OPEB Trust Fund – to fund future costs of Other Post Employment Benefits

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$50,074 to increase the OPEB Trust Fund, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 3 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$50,074 to increase the OPEB Trust Fund, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: In Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstained

FCTS Stabilization Fund

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$36,068 to increase the FCTS Stabilization Fund, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 2 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$26,068 to increase the FCTS Stabilization Fund, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$33,716 Town Capital Stabilization Fund

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$33,716 to increase the Town Capital Stabilization Fund, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$33,716 to increase the Town Capital Stabilization Fund, to be raised from Taxation.

Vote: In Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$50,000 Shea Theater HVAC

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$50,000 for the Shea Theater HVAC system, to be raised from the Town Capital Stabilization Fund.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$50,000 for the Shea Theater HVAC system, to be raised from the Town Capital Stabilization Fund.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$44,700 DPW Building pre-assessment costs

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$44,700 to for the DPW Building Pre-Assessment Study, to be raised from Chapter 90.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend \$44,700 to for the DPW Building Pre-Assessment Study, to be raised from Chapter 90.

Vote: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

\$8,350 Local Share of Airport Planning Project- This is a new special article request.

- Mr. Naughton would like more information before recommending

The Finance Committee and Selectmen did not vote on this request as they felt they did not have enough information at this time.

Topics not anticipated within in the 48 hour posting requirements - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 PM

List of Documents and Exhibits:

- Minutes of March 23rd
- Reserve Fund Transfer Request for Cemeteries Budget

Next Meetings:

- April 6th – Draft Finance Committee Report, Special Articles
- April 13th – Revise Finance Committee Report and Policy Actions
- April 20th – last chance for changes to recommendations, approve report